

PRAMERICA LIFE SARAL JEEVAN BIMA (UIN: 140N073V01)
(A Non-Linked Non-Participating Individual Pure Risk Life Insurance Plan)

PART – B

DEFINITIONS

Words or phrases appearing in the Policy Document in initial capitals will have the meanings given to them below:

Where appropriate, any reference to the singular includes references to the plural, references to the male include references to the female and references to any statute include references to any subsequent changes to that statute.

In case of any conflict between the interpretations of any of the terms of this Policy Document, the Part C (Specific Terms and Conditions) shall override Part B (Definitions) of this Policy Document.

General Terms

Act means the Insurance Act, 1938 (4 of 1938)

Age is the age of the Life Assured on the last birthday at the time of commencement of the policy.

Annualized Premium shall be the premium amount payable in a year excluding taxes, rider premiums, underwriting extra premiums and loadings for modal premiums.

Application Form / Proposal Form means the application form and any other information / document provided by the Policyholder to the Company before the inception of this Policy.

Appointee is the person to whom the proceeds/benefits secured under the Policy are payable if the benefit becomes payable to the nominee and nominee is minor as on the date of claim payment.

Assignee is the person to whom the rights and benefits are transferred by virtue of an Assignment.

Assignment is the process of transferring the rights and benefits to an "Assignee," in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.

Assignor means the person who transfers the rights of the life insurance policy to the Assignee.

Authority means the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India established under the provisions of section 3 of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999.

Base Policy is that part of the Policy referring to basic benefit (benefits referred to in this Policy Document excluding benefits covered under Rider(s), if opted for).

Basis Point (bps) means a common unit of measure for interest rates. One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01%.

Basic Sum Assured means the amount specified in the Schedule as opted by the Policyholder at the time of taking the policy.

Beneficiary/Claimant means the person who is entitled to receive benefits under this Policy. The Beneficiary may be Life Assured or Policyholder or his Assignee or Nominees or proved Executors or Administrators or other Legal Representatives as the case may be.

Business Day or Working Day means the day on which the offices of the Company remain open for transactions with the public at the place where the concerned transaction is to be carried out.

Company/Us/We/Our means Pramerica Life Insurance Limited.

Date of commencement of policy is the start date of this Policy.

Date of commencement of risk is the date on which the Company accepts the risk for insurance (cover) as evidenced in the schedule of the policy.

Date of issuance of policy means the date as specified in the policy schedule.

Date of Maturity means the date specified in the Schedule on which the Policy Term is completed.

Death Benefit means the benefit which is payable on death of life assured, as stated in the policy document.

Discharge form is the form to be filled by policyholder/claimant to claim the death benefit/refund under the policy.

Due Date (applicable in case of Regular Premium / Limited Premium payment) means a fixed date on which the policy premium is due and payable by the policyholder.

Endorsement means conditions attached/ affixed to this Policy incorporating any amendments or modifications agreed to or issued by the Company.

Free Look Period is the period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the Policy Document by the Policyholder to review the terms and conditions of this policy and where the Policyholder disagrees to any of those terms and conditions, he/ she has the option to return this policy as detailed in Section 2 of Part D of this Policy Document.

Grace period for other than single premium policies means the time granted by the insurer from the due date of payment of premium, without any penalty or late fee, during which time the policy is considered to be in-force with the risk cover without any interruption, as per the terms & conditions of the policy. The grace period for payment of the premium for all types of life insurance policies shall be fifteen days, where the policyholder pays the premium on a monthly basis and 30 days in all other cases.

Insurance Act means the Insurance Act, 1938

Inforce policy means a policy in which all the due premiums have been paid and the premiums are not outstanding.

IRDAI means Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

Lapse is the status of the Policy when due premium is not paid within the grace period and the benefits under the Policy will cease from the date of such unpaid premium.

Life Assured is the person on whose life the insurance cover has been accepted.

Material information is the information already known to the Life Assured at the time of applying for Life Insurance, which has a bearing on underwriting of the proposal /Policy submitted.

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Minor means any Person, at the inception of the Policy, whose age is less than 18 years and is named in the Proposal Form as Life Insured or Nominee / Beneficiary.

Nomination is the process of nominating a person(s) in accordance with provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

Nominee(s) means the person(s) nominated by the Policyholder (who is also the Life Assured) under this Policy who is (are) authorised to receive the claim benefit payable under this Policy.

Non-Linked insurance products are the products other than Linked insurance products.

Non-par products or Products without participation in profits means products where policies are not entitled for any share in surplus (profits) during the term of the policy

Policy means this contract of insurance as evidenced by the Policy Document.

Policy Anniversary means one year from the date of commencement of the Policy and the same date falling each year thereafter, till the date of maturity.

Policy Cancellation means complete withdrawal or termination of the entire policy before the stipulated date of maturity.

Policy Cancellation Value means an amount, if any, that becomes payable in case of cancellation in accordance with the terms and conditions of this policy.

Policy Document means the Terms & Conditions, the Application Form and the Schedule as amended from time to time.

Policyholder means the person named in the Schedule who has concluded this Policy with the Company. Policyholder is the owner of the Policy. In case of absolute assignment, the assignee will become the Policyholder. In case of partial or conditional assignment, the assignee will have the first right in the Policy extent to the assignment done.

Policy term is the period, in years, as chosen by the policyholder and mentioned in the Schedule, commencing from the Date of commencement of policy to the date of Maturity.

Policy year is the period between two consecutive policy anniversaries. This period includes the first day and excludes the next policy anniversary day.

Premium is the contractual amount payable by the Policyholder at specified times periodically as mentioned in the schedule of this Policy Document to secure the benefits under the policy. The premium payable will be "Total Single / Instalment Premium" which includes single / instalment Premium for Base Policy and instalment Premium for Rider(s), if rider(s) has/have been opted for. The term 'Premium' used anywhere in this Policy Document does not include any taxes which are payable separately.

Premium paying term means the period, in years, during which premium is payable.

Proof of continued insurability is the information that may be sought from the policyholder to decide revival of the policy. This includes Form of declaration of Good Health, Medical Reports, Special Reports and any such document as may be called for by the

Company, in accordance with the Board Approved Underwriting Policy of the Company.

Proposer is a person who proposes the life insurance proposal.

Revival of a policy means restoration of the policy, which was discontinued due to the non-payment of premium, by the insurer with all the benefits mentioned in the policy document, with or without rider benefits if any, upon the receipt of all the premiums due and other charges or late fee if any, during the revival period, as per the terms and conditions of the policy, upon being satisfied as to the continued insurability of the insured or policyholder on the basis of the information, documents and reports furnished by the policyholder, in accordance with Board approved underwriting policy.

Revival Period means the period of five consecutive complete years from the date of first unpaid premium.

Rider means the insurance cover(s) added to a base product for additional premium or charge

Rider Benefits means an amount of benefit payable on occurrence of a specified event covered under the rider, and is an additional benefit to the benefit under the base product, and may include waiver of premium benefit on other applicable riders.

Rider Premium is the premium payable by the policyholder which is in addition to the premium paid under Base Policy towards the additional cover/benefit opted under the rider, if opted.

Rider Sum Assured is the assured amount payable on happening of a specified event covered under the rider, if opted.

Savings Products means those products other than "Pure risk products".

Schedule is the part of policy document that gives the specific details of your policy.

Senior Citizen shall have the same meaning assigned to it under Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

Sum Assured on Death means an absolute amount of benefit which is guaranteed to become payable on death of the life assured in accordance with the terms and conditions of the policy.

Surrender means complete withdrawal / termination of the entire policy contract.

Surrender value means an amount, if any, that becomes payable on surrender of a policy during its term, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the policy.

Total Premiums Paid means total of all the premiums paid under the base product, excluding any extra premium and taxes, if collected explicitly.

Underwriting is the term used to describe the process of assessing risk and ensuring that the cost of the cover is proportionate to the risks faced by the individual concerned. Based on underwriting, a decision on acceptance or rejection of cover as well as applicability of suitable premium or modified terms, if any, is taken.

UIN means a unique number allotted to each product which is required to be disclosed in product related literature, policy documents and any other supporting documents for such product.

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Waiting Period means a period of 45 (forty-five) days from the Date of Commencement of Risk. In case of revival of Policy, the Waiting period shall not be applicable.

PART – C

Specific Terms and Conditions

1) Section One: Policy Benefits

The following are the benefits under the policy:

a) Death Benefit:

- i. On death of the Life Assured during the Waiting Period and provided the Policy is in force, the Death Benefit amount payable as a lump sum is:
 1. In case of Accidental Death, for regular premium or limited premium payment policy, equal to Sum Assured on Death which is the highest of:
 - a. 10 times the Annualized Premium, or
 - b. 105% of all premiums paid as on the date of death, or
 - c. Absolute amount assured to be paid on death.
 2. In case of Accidental Death, for single premium policy, equal to Sum Assured on Death which is the higher of:
 - a. 125% of Single premium or
 - b. Absolute amount assured to be paid on death.
 3. In case of death due to other than accident, the Death Benefit is equal to 100% of all Premiums paid excluding taxes, if any.
- ii. On death of the Life Assured after the expiry of Waiting Period but before the stipulated date of maturity and provided the Policy is in force, the Death Benefit amount payable as a lump sum is:
 1. For Regular premium or Limited premium payment policy, "Sum Assured on Death" which is the highest of:
 - a. 10 times of annualized premium; or
 - b. 105% of all the premiums paid as on the date of death; or
 - c. Absolute amount assured to be paid on death.
 2. For Single premium policy, "Sum Assured on Death" which is the higher of:
 - a. 125% of Single Premium or

- b. Absolute amount assured to be paid on death.

Premiums referred above shall not include any extra amount chargeable under the policy due to underwriting decision and rider premium(s), if any.

Absolute amount assured to be paid on death shall be an amount equal to Basic Sum Assured.

b) Maturity Benefit:

No Maturity Benefit shall be payable on the Life Assured surviving the stipulated Date of Maturity.

2) Section Two: Payment of Premiums (Applicable in case of Limited and Regular Premium payment policies only):

- a) The policyholder has to pay the Premium on or before the due dates as specified in the Schedule of this Policy Document along with applicable taxes, if any.
- b) In case of death of Life Assured under an inforce policy wherein all the premiums due till the date of death have been paid and where the mode of payment of premium is other than yearly, balance premium(s), if any, falling due from the date of death and before the next policy anniversary shall be deducted from the claim amount.

The Company does not have any obligation to issue a notice that premium is due or for the amount that is due.

3) Section Three: Grace Period (Applicable in case of Limited and Regular Premium payment policies only):

A grace period of 30 days where the mode of payment of Premium is yearly or half yearly and 15 days in case of monthly, is allowed for the payment of each renewal Premium. If the premium is not paid before the expiry of the days of grace, the Policy lapses.

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PART – D

Policy Servicing

1) Section One: Proof of Age

The premiums under the Policy are calculated based on the age of the Life Assured as declared in the Proposal.

If the Age of the life assured has been misstated and if the correct Age of the Life Assured makes the Life Assured ineligible for this Policy, the Company may offer a suitable plan as per the then existing underwriting norms. If the life assured does not wish to opt for the alternative plan or if it is not possible for the Company to grant any other plan, then the Policy shall be cancelled and the premiums paid shall be refunded without interest, subject to deduction of stamp duty paid and the cost of medicals, if any. The Policy will terminate on the said payment.

If the correct Age of the Life Assured makes the Life Assured eligible for this Policy, revised Premium depending upon the Correct Age will be payable. Difference of premium from inception will be collected with interest, if age declared is higher and excess premium collected will be refunded without interest, if age is found to be lower.

The provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time shall be applicable.

2) Section Two: Free Look Period

- a) This is an option to review the Policy following receipt of Policy Document. The Policyholder has a free look period of 30 from the date of receipt of the policy document, to review the terms and conditions of the policy and where the policyholder disagrees to any of those terms and conditions, the policy holder has the option to return the policy to the Company for cancellation, stating the reasons for his objection, then the policyholder shall be entitled to a refund of the premium paid subject only to the deduction of a proportionate risk premium for the period of cover and expenses incurred by the Company on medical examination of the proposer and stamp duty charges, if any.
- b) A request received by the Company for free look cancellation of the policy shall be processed and premium refunded within 15 days of receipt of the request, as stated vide (a) above.
- c) The Policy shall terminate on payment of this amount and all rights, benefits and interests under this Policy will stand extinguished.

3) Section Three: Forfeiture provisions

- a) In case of Regular Premium, if the premium has not been paid in respect of this policy and any subsequent premium be not duly paid, all the benefits shall cease after the expiry of grace period from the date of first unpaid premium and nothing shall be payable, and the premiums paid till then are also not refundable.
- b) Forfeiture in Certain Other Events: In case any condition herein contained or endorsed hereon be contravened or in case it is found that any untrue or incorrect statement is contained in the proposal, personal statement, declaration and connected documents or any material information is withheld, then and in every such case this policy shall be void and all claims to any benefit by virtue hereof shall be subject to the provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.

4) Section Four: Revival of lapsed Policies (Applicable for Regular and Limited Premium policies):

- a) If the Policy has lapsed due to nonpayment of due premium within the days of grace, it may be revived during the life time of the Life Assured, but within the Revival Period and before the Date of Maturity, as the case may be, on payment of all the arrears of premium(s) together with interest at a rate which shall be determined as follows: The rate of interest shall be reset on an annual basis at the beginning of every financial year (April) and would be determined based on the average 10-year G-Sec YTM plus 75 bps rounded down to 25 bps. Average of the benchmark would be taken from the previous financial year for the period 1st July to 31st Dec. The source of information for 10 year GSec rate would be "CCIL". E.g., the rate of interest applicable for FY 2020-21 would be based on average of 10 year GSec rates for the period - 1st July 2019 to 31st Dec 2019. The current applicable rate of interest on policy reinstatement is 8.00% per annum which would be applicable for the FY 2024-25. The interest is charged on the basis of simple interest. Any change in the basis of determination of interest rate shall be done only after prior approval of the Authority.
- b) In addition to the arrears of premium with interest, proof of continued insurability may be required for revival of the discontinued policy. The Company, however, reserves the right to accept at original terms, accept with modified terms or decline the revival of a discontinued policy. The revival of the discontinued policy shall take effect only after the same is approved by the Company and is specifically communicated to the Policyholder.
- c) If a lapsed policy is not revived within the revival period but before the Date of Maturity, the policy will automatically terminate. In case of Regular Premium policies, nothing shall be payable. However, in case of Limited Premium Payment policies, the amount as payable in case of Policy Cancellation shall be refunded and the policy will terminate.

5) Section Five: Surrender -Surrender value is not applicable under this Policy.

6) Section Six: Policy Cancellation Value

Policy Cancellation Value shall be payable:

- a) upon the Policyholder applying for the same before the stipulated date of maturity in case of Single premium Policy; or
- b) upon the Policyholder applying for the same before the stipulated date of maturity or at the end of revival period if the policy is not revived, in case of Limited Premium Payment Policies.
- c) The amount payable shall be as follows:
 - i. Single Premium Policies:
The Policy Cancellation Value acquires immediately after receipt of Single Premium and is calculated as follows:
$$= 70\% \times \text{Single Premium paid} \times (\text{Unexpired Policy Term} / \text{Original Policy Term})$$

Single Premium shall be inclusive of extra premium, if any.
 - ii. Limited Premium Payment Term: 5 years or 10 years:
The Policy Cancellation Value acquires if at least two (2) consecutive full years' premiums are paid and is calculated as follows:
$$= 70\% \times \text{Total Premiums paid} \times (\text{Unexpired Policy Term} / \text{Original Policy Term})$$

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Total Premiums Paid shall be inclusive of extra premiums, if any.

- d) No policy cancellation value shall be payable in respect of regular premium policies.

7) **Section Seven: Policy Loan** No loan will be available under this policy

8) **Section Eight: Termination of Policy** The policy shall immediately and automatically terminate on the earliest occurrence of any of the following events:

- a) The date on which death benefit becomes payable; or
- b) The date on which refund, if applicable, is settled, in case of cancellation of policy ; or
- c) The date of maturity; or
- d) On expiry of revival period, if the policy has not been revived; or
- e) On payment of free look cancellation amount.

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PART – E

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PART – F

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Section One: Assignment

Assignment is allowed under this plan as per section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The current provisions of Section 38 are contained in Annexure-1 of this Policy Document. The notice of assignment should be submitted for registration to the office of the Company, where the policy is serviced.

2) Section Two: Nomination

Nomination by the holder of a policy of life assurance on his/her own life is allowed as per Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The current provisions of Section 39 are contained in Annexure-2 of this Policy Document. The notice of nomination or change of nomination should be submitted for registration to the office of the Company, where the policy is serviced. In registering nomination, the Company does not accept any responsibility or express any opinion as to its validity or legal effect.

3) Section Three: Fraud and mis-statement

Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938:

The provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time, shall be applicable. The current provisions are contained in Annexure-3 of this policy document.

4) Section Four: Suicide Exclusion

a. Under Regular/Limited Premium Policy:

This policy shall be void if the Life Assured commits suicide at any time within 12 months from the date of commencement of risk, provided the policy is in force or within 12 months from the date of revival and the Company will not entertain any claim except for 80% of the premiums paid (excluding any extra amount if charged under the policy due to taxes and rider premiums, thereon if any) till the date of death.

This clause shall not be applicable for a lapsed policy as nothing is payable under such policies.

b. Under single Premium Policy:

This policy shall be void if the Life assured commits suicide at any time within 12 months from the date of commencement of risk and the Company will not entertain any claim except 90 % of the Single Premium paid excluding taxes and rider premiums, thereon, if any.

5) Section Five: Taxes

Statutory Taxes, if any, imposed on such insurance plans by the Government of India or any other constitutional tax Authority of India shall be as per the Tax laws and the rate of tax as applicable from time to time.

The amount of applicable taxes as per the prevailing rates, shall be payable by the policyholder on premiums (for base policy and rider, if any) including extra amount if charged under the policy due to underwriting decisions, which shall be collected separately over and above in addition to the premiums payable by the policyholder.

The amount of tax paid shall not be considered for the calculation of benefits payable under the plan.

The tax benefits, if any, would be as per the prevailing provisions of the tax laws in India. The Policyholder or the nominee shall be liable for compliance of applicable tax provisions.

6) Section Six: Normal requirements for a claim

a. Death Claim: The normal documents which the claimant shall submit while lodging the claim in case of death of the Life Assured shall be claim forms, as prescribed by the Company, accompanied with original policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account, proof of title, proof of death, medical treatment prior to the death (if any), school/ college/ employer's certificate, whichever is applicable, to the satisfaction of the Company. If the age is not admitted under the policy, the proof of age of the Life assured shall also be submitted.

In case of unnatural death or death on account of or arising from an accident, the Company may call for the copies of First Information Report (FIR), Panchnama and Post Mortem report. The Company may also call for additional documents as may be required by them.

Within 90 days from the date of death, intimation of death along with death certificate must be notified in writing to the office of the Company where the policy is serviced. However, delay in intimation of the genuine claim by the claimant, may be condoned by the Company, on merit, and where delay is proved to be for the reasons beyond his/her control.

b. Policy Cancellation: In case of cancellation of the policy, the Policyholder shall submit the discharge form along with the original policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account.

In addition to above, any requirement mandated under any statutory provision or as may be required as per law shall also be required to be submitted.

7) Section Seven: Issuance of duplicate Policy

a) The Policyholder can make an application for duplicate Policy on payment of ₹250 upon loss of policy document along with other requirements as may be prescribed by the Company.

8) Section Eight: Governing Law & Jurisdiction

The Policy shall be governed by the laws of India and the Indian Courts shall have jurisdiction to settle any disputes arising under the Policy.

9) Section Nine: Legislative Changes

The Terms and Conditions including the premiums and benefits payable under this policy are subject to variation in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

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PART – G

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

Grievance Redressal

I) In case of any clarification or query please contact your Company Salesperson. Any concern may also be raised at any of the branch offices of the Company, the addresses of the branch offices are available on the official website of the company

II) The Company may be contacted at:
Customer Service Help Line: 1860-500-7070 / or 011 48187070 (local charges apply) (9.30 am to 6.30 pm from Monday to Saturday)
Email: contactus@pramericalife.in
Email for Senior Citizen: seniorcitizen@pramericalife.in
Website: www.pramericalife.in

Communication Address:
Customer Service
Pramerica Life Insurance Ltd.
4th Floor, Building No. 9 B, Cyber City,
DLF City Phase III, Gurgaon – 122002
Office hours: 9.30 am to 6.30 pm from Monday to Friday

III) **Grievance Redressal Officer:**
If the response received from the Company is not satisfactory or no response is received within two weeks of contacting the Company, the matter may be escalated to:
Email- customerfirst@pramericalife.in

Grievance Redressal Officer,
Pramerica Life Insurance Ltd.,
, 4th Floor, Building No. 9 B, Cyber City,
DLF City Phase III, Gurgaon – 122002
GRO Contact Number: 0124 – 4697069
Email – gro@pramericalife.in
Office hours 9.30 am to 6.30 pm from Monday to Friday

IV) **IRDAI- Grievance Redressal Cell:**
If after contacting the Company, the Policyholders query or concern is not resolved satisfactorily or within timelines the Grievance Redressal Cell of the IRDAI may be contacted.
Bima Bharosa Toll Free number – 155255 or 1800-425-4732
Email Id- complaints@irdai.gov.in
Website: <https://bimabharosa.irdai.gov.in>

Complaints against Life Insurance Companies: Insurance
Regulatory and Development Authority of India
Policyholder's protection & Grievance Redressal Department
(PPGR)
Sy. No. 115/1
Financial District
Nanakramguda, Gachibowli
Telangana – 500032

V) **Insurance Ombudsman:**
The office of the Insurance Ombudsman has been established by the Government of India for the redressal of any grievance in respect of life insurance policies.

himself or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee, make a complaint in writing to the Insurance Ombudsman within whose territorial jurisdiction the branch or office of the insurer complained against or the residential address or place of residence of the complainant is located.

The complaint shall be in writing, duly signed by the complainant or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee and shall state clearly the name and address of the complainant, the name of the branch or office of the insurer against whom the complaint is made, the facts giving rise to the complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman.

You may approach the Insurance Ombudsman if your grievance pertains to any of the following:

- a. Delay in settlement of claim beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999
- b. Any partial or total repudiation of claims
- c. Disputes over premium paid or payable in terms of insurance policy
- d. Misrepresentation of policy terms and conditions
- e. Legal construction of insurance policies in so far as the dispute relates to claim
- f. Policy servicing related grievances against insurers and their agents and intermediaries
- g. Issuance of Life insurance policy, which is not in conformity with the proposal form submitted by the proposer
- h. Non-issuance of insurance policy after receipt of premium
- i. Any other matter resulting from the violation of provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938 or the regulations, circulars, guidelines or instructions issued by the IRDAI from time to time or the terms and conditions of the policy contract, in so far as they relate to issues mentioned at clauses (a) to (f)

No complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman shall lie unless

- (a) The complainant makes a written representation to the insurer named in the complaint and—
- (i) Either the insurer had rejected the complaint, or
 - (ii) The complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the insurer received his representation, or
 - (iii) The complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer
- (b) The complaint is made within one year—
- (i) After the order of the insurer rejecting the representation is received, or
 - (ii) After receipt of decision of the insurer which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant, or
 - (iii) After expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the insurer if the insurer named fails to furnish reply to the complainant.

The address of the Insurance Ombudsman are attached herewith and may also be obtained from the following link on the internet

Link <http://www.cioins.co.in/ombudsman>

Any person who has a grievance against an insurer, may

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Address & Contact Details of Ombudsmen Centers

Council for Insurance Ombudsmen
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3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, S.V Road , Santacruz(West), Mumbai – 400054. Tel no: 69038800/69038812
Email id: inscoun@cioins.co.in website: www.cioins.co.in

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If you have a grievance, approach the grievance cell of Insurance Company first.
If complaint is not resolved/ not satisfied/not responded for 30 days then
You can approach The Office of the Insurance Ombudsman (Bimalokpal)
Please visit our website for details to lodge complaint with Ombudsman.

Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office Union Territory, District	Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office Union Territory, District
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Prakash Building, 6th floor, Tilak Marg, Relief Road, Ahmedabad – 380 001. Tel.: 079 - 25501201/02/05/06 Email:bimalokpal.ahmedabad@cioins.co.in	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Janak Vihar Complex, 2nd Floor, 6, Malviya Nagar, Opp. Airtel Office, Near New Market, Bhopal – 462 003. Tel.: 0755 - 2769201 / 2769202 Fax: 0755 - 2769203 Email:bimalokpal.bhopal@cioins.co.in	Madhya Pradesh Chattisgarh
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Annexure – 1

Section 38 - Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies (as amended from time to time)

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
2. An Assignment may be effected in a policy by an endorsement upon the policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
3. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
4. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
5. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy thereof certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorized agents have been delivered to the insurer.
6. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
7. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
8. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only at the place where the policy is being serviced.
9. The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is-
 - a. not bonafide or
 - b. not in the interest of the policyholder or
 - c. not in public interest or
 - d. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
10. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
11. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
12. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
13. Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except
 - a. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
 - b. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
 - i. the proceeds under the policy shall become payable to policyholder or nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
 - ii. the insured surviving the term of the policySuch conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a loan on policy or surrender the policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position.
14. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
 - a. shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and
 - b. may institute any proceedings in relation to the policy
 - c. obtain loan under the policy or surrender the policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
15. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance policy under an Assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act shall not be affected by this section.

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Annexure – 2

Section 39 – Nomination by policyholder (as amended from time to time)

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. The policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
2. Where the nominee is a minor, the policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of policyholder's death during the minority of the nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
3. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the policy itself or may be endorsed on the policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the policy.
5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
8. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the loan.
10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
11. In case of nomination by policyholder whose life is insured, if the nominees die before the policyholder, the proceeds are payable to policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.
12. In case nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
13. Where the policyholder whose life is insured nominates his
 - a. parents or
 - b. spouse or
 - c. children or
 - d. spouse and children
 - e. or any of themthe nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the policyholder unless it is proved that policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the nominee having regard to the nature of his title.
14. If nominee(s) die after the policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the policy is paid, the share of the expired nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the nominee or holder of succession certificate of such nominee(s).
15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015.
16. If policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the policy.
17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where before or after Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, a nomination is made in favour of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

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Annexure – 3

Section 45 – Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years (as amended from time to time)

Provisions regarding policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act are as follows:

1. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question **on any ground whatsoever** after expiry of 3 yrs from
 - a. the date of issuance of policy or
 - b. the date of commencement of risk or
 - c. the date of revival of policy or
 - d. the date of rider to the policy
whichever is later.
2. On the ground of fraud, a policy of Life Insurance may be called in question within 3 years from
 - a. the date of issuance of policy or
 - b. the date of commencement of risk or
 - c. the date of revival of policy or
 - d. the date of rider to the policy
whichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.

3. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
 - a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
 - b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
 - c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
 - d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
4. Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak.
5. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured /beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.
6. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which policy was issued or revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based.
7. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.

8. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.

9. The insurer can call for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof of age of life assured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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